

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3484 - SB 3453

February 18, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies to have at least a 30 minute lunch period for elementary and secondary students. Requires teachers' duty free lunch period to be at least the length of the student lunch period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, most LEAs do not have lunch periods that are exactly 30 minutes in length. Many have periods that are 25 or 20 minutes. Requiring a 30 minute lunch period may require some schools or LEAs to lengthen their lunch periods and possibly the school day.
- Teachers will not be paid more as a result of lengthening of the school day to accommodate longer lunch periods. Support staff or other staff that are paid hourly may be paid for additional time, however, any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- LEAs will not build additional cafeteria space to accommodate more students during each lunch period.
- No impact on the BEP formula.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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